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Note and Comment

The correspondence regarding the North Atlantic Trading Company, which formed the subject of so much discussion at Ottawa last session, was brought down the other day by the Minister of the Interior and makes very interesting reading. Among the letters is one in which the statement is made that if the names of those comprising the company are disclosed, one of the prominent members will probably commit suicide. Hon. Mr. Oliver has evidently been up against a pretty tough proposition in this legacy from his predecessor. He cancelled the contract and at the same time defended it. But the question which has never been satisfactorily answered is this: If the company was discharging its contract satisfactorily, giving good service for the large sums advanced to it by the government, why did Mr. Oliver cancel that contract so suddenly a year ago? By doing so, he has brought other difficulties upon the department. The company now writes:

"We wish to take this occasion to say that for unfair, untruthful and utterly foundationless assertions nothing could be more dishonest and outrageous, and we must conclude that your Government felt itself totally unable to resist these attacks, not having a sufficient knowledge of the service we were rendering, and therefore, driven to take the responsibility of cancelling the agreement, even though in absolute repudiation of its very definite terms."

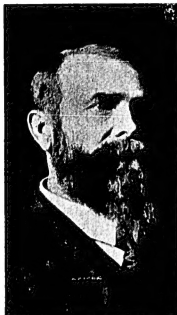
Mr. Oliver must surely have had some information regarding the company and its operations, when he cancelled its operations so precipitately, that he has not given the public. He must divulge this before he can satisfactorily explain his action.

The following despatch under a Calgary date line is going the round of eastern papers:

"In view of the claim made during the capital controversy on behalf of Northern Alberta that there was more population north than south of Red Deer, the census returns are interesting, as they entirely disprove the contention of the north. The aggregate result is: By cities, north, 12,815, south, 17,300; towns, north, 6,504, south, 9,640; villages, north, 2,756, south, 8,906. The total is: North, 22,075, south, 35,806, or put into percentages it means that the northern part of the province has an urban population of 38 per cent. of the total, and the south 62 per cent."

The level-headed citizens of Calgary surely cannot approve of the circulation of such misleading though absurd paragraphs as the above. It is evidently written on the assumption that newspaper readers are not in the habit of examining at all carefully what is served up to them, but merely take away a general impression from it. We are told first that the claim of the north that it has a greater population has been disproved. Then the urban population figures are given. What have these to do with disproving the claim in ques-

Albertans in the Public Eye



MR. D. W. WARNER

The retiring president of the Alberta Farmers' Association is a man who in the past year has placed Albertans generally under no small debt of gratitude to himself. The work which he and his colleagues have done in building up this strong and efficient organization will tell for not a little in the material development of the province. Mr. Warner is one of the many agriculturists who have crossed from the United States into the Canadian West in recent years and are proving such admirable citizens. In the Christmas Number of the *North-West Farmer*, Mr. Warner gives some advice to new settlers, which possesses not a little significance. "If you come here to live 'the west' it is because you have decided that it is a better place than the one you left in the States; or at least better for you on account of opportunities remaining to be taken advantage of, that are past in the country from which you came. Then become a Canadian citizen as soon as possible and do your duty as such. Give your honest support to the government which gives you protection and a free home. If you do not take advantage of a free homestead you can at least buy land cheap considering the quality. Pull off your coats and go to work to help build roads, build schools, churches, and effect other public improvements. Do not expect to find a graded road to a homestead. Don't puddle through mud holes that could be easily filled and then abuse the government. When coming to a new country we should expect to endure privation in order to reap the benefits, and they are not long in coming if our energies are properly directed."

"I have been a pioneer all my life 'he continues' my people were among the pioneers all the way from Pennsylvania to Nebraska, where I landed with my parents in the early days of 1868. Now all my interests are in Alberta, and I feel it my duty to take the same part in Canadian affairs as if I were Canadian born. It is the only course to follow. To do otherwise would be shirking a responsibility for which coming generations will hold us accountable."

"When you come here you come to make Canada your home, and by taking an interest in matters of general welfare you will learn to love and respect the Canadian people and government more and more as the years go by. You need not lose any of your love for your native land in doing so. That is no more necessary than for you to forsake an old friend because you make a new one; there should be room in your heart for both. We are all of one blood, and when we are in Canada we should adopt ourselves to Canadian conditions and customs, as we should expect the Canadians to do if they moved to the States. The only way is for us to put on the harness and pull for Canada just as hard as we can, and I guarantee that results will be satisfactory."

It is in such men that the hope of the Canadian West lies. Mr. Warner's home is on the other side of the river, but a short distance from Edmonton. As a thoroughly successful agriculturist and level-headed man of affairs he has won the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has had to deal, in town and country alike, to a remarkable degree.

tion? Is rural population not to be considered at all? The fact is that the Calgary Albertan went into the question very thoroughly about two weeks ago and admitted that adopting the line of division usually followed, the north had slightly the best of it. But what is the use of all this statistical effort, and all the black headlines that the *Calgary Herald* has been putting over meaningless figures? The only question that could possibly be affected was that of the provincial capital. That was decided months ago and what is the use of going into ancient history? Edmonton might point out that the census figures make good the claims which it advanced when the capital had yet to be chosen. But it has not thought it worth while to do so. It has too many live topics to attend to to bother about dead ones, and our friends to the south would do better to leave them alone as well.

It is generally agreed that the Red Deer Municipal Convention accomplished a useful purpose and that those present obtained clearer grasp of civic problems than they had before. The outstanding feature of the gathering, as of most of the gatherings of a similar character in the west, was the strong feeling manifested in favor of public ownership. Edmonton's representatives, Mayor Griesbach and Commissioner Kinnaird detailed at length the city's success in the operation of its own utilities and were given a most attentive hearing. The resolution condemning bonusing, accompanied by that passed by the farmers at Calgary and following up the action of the Associated Boards of Trade last June, should lead to definite legislation at the coming session. If the Government does not bring a bill down, there is an excellent chance for some private member to make a reputation for himself by

taking the initiative and introducing a comprehensive measure.

The Edmonton Bulletin in discussing the convention's resolutions the other night made the following comment:

"Unless the municipal bodies be unanimous in desiring the withdrawal of this power the justice of granting the requested legislation would be a matter of question. Nine municipalities might be willing and even anxious to forego this power, but would this be authority to deprive the tenth municipality of a power it now possesses and which it desired to retain?"

The theory is a remarkable one. Of the various functions of the legislature, one of the most important is the control of the municipalities. It creates them and has the power to regulate them. What should an isolated municipality have the right to interfere with the exercise of the legislature's power? Strange ideas are advanced in the name of liberty. If the Bulletin's theory were followed to its logical conclusion the legislature would have to delay all legislation affecting an individual until each individual citizen was agreed as to its propriety.

In ex-Mayor Michener, of Red Deer, who was chosen to succeed ex-Mayor Emerson, of Calgary, the union of municipalities has a thoroughly capable and progressive presiding officer.

In the course of an address at a Crossley and Hunter meeting in Calgary, Rev. Mr. Kerby is reported to have said that there had been great discussion in the papers about the money the evangelists were taking out of the city. This week he had had a talk with Mr. Pollard the manager of the Pollards company, and had ascertained that their expenses were heavy. It cost them five to six hundred dollars to come from Brandon to Calgary. It cost five hundred dollars to keep them in Calgary for two weeks. Where did the money come from? If all companies were like the Pollards there would be no great objection, unfortunately some were the reverse and left a bad taste in the mouths of their audience, and the city was the worse for it for days afterwards.

Mr. Kerby is certainly right in one particular. No one has any right to object to Messrs Crossley and Hunter taking money out of Calgary, if he thinks they are doing any good. But he must admit that the stated objects of the evangelists and of the Pollards are somewhat different. Incidentally his admission that there is no great objection to the Pollard performances must lead one to ask why all stage productions should be considered as machinations of the devil. Messrs Crossley and Hunter have denounced them indiscriminately. Why shouldn't Christians rally to the support of good clean theatrical attractions, such as Mr. Kerby leads us to believe the Pollards are, and stay away from those of the other class described by him. By pursuing this course, they would accomplish something towards the improvement of the stage. The denunciation of it as an institution is altogether unreasonable.

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With the Investor

An Edmonton daily calculates that by Jan. 1, 1908, a little more than eleven months hence, the population of the city will be 25,000. Such a forecast is ridiculous on its face and can do the city no good. We expect a very large growth during the year, but how is it possible for commercial enterprises to develop in that short space of time to such an extent as to double our population? How could we house the additional population? Last summer between one and two thousand lived in tents within the city limits and many are spending the winter in this manner. But the number who are willing to live in this manner in the cold weather is limited. Edmonton has made marvellous enough progress without our expecting more of her than is within the bounds of reason.

A street rumor has been afloat that some Jasper avenue property will change hands at \$1,000 a foot. There would be nothing surprising if it should turn out to be true. Nearly a year ago a well-known firm refused that figure for its property and it was not located on a corner either.

Tegler, Morris & Co. recently bought all the lots between Athabasca and Peace in Block 9 of the Hudson's Bay reserve for over \$40,000. This week they put it on the market as warehouse property. Inside lots on 9th street were advertised at \$2,250 and on 10th at \$2,000. The demand for them has been very heavy.

The three Albertan sister towns in the Crow's Nest Pass are beginning to attract attention the continent over. S. Earl Van der See, a St. Louis capitalist, visited them last week with a view to considering the feasibility of constructing an electric railway system. As a result of his visit, he will apply for a franchise at an early date.

The Calgary Albertan claims to have received information that James J. Hill has abandoned his Canadian transcontinental scheme for the present.

"It is known 'it says' that the Great Northern had an option on the Regina and Prince Albert line before it was purchased by the C. N. R., and the option was for some hundreds of thousands of dollars less than paid by the C. N. R. The C. P. R. is building between Weyburn and Lethbridge, and that will mean almost a second or third transcontinental by the C. P. R. Of course this change in policy refers merely to the transcontinental system. It is more than probable that the Great Northern may send up branches into Canada.

It is not difficult to believe that the transcontinental line that Mr. Hill was said to be projecting has been abandoned. It struck some rich country but it cannot be said that the route as a whole was through a particularly promising section of the west. Besides it was close to Mr. Hill's American line. He is essentially a railway pioneer and when he does build a transcontinental we venture to say that it will be considerably to the north of the lines at present in existence and under construction. In the meanwhile his branch lines will serve his purposes.

Andrew Thompson of Quebec,

president of the Union Bank since 1877, is dead. Hon. John Sharples of Quebec is his likely successor.

The Lethbridge Collieries Co., Limited, held their organization meeting last week in Winnipeg. The members of the company are J. S. Hough, Hon. Colin H. Campbell, George Rogers (of Lethbridge), Isaac Cockburn, Theo. A. Burrows, D. E. Adams, D. R. Dingwall, Dr. Rogers, J. Y. Griffin and James W. Bettes. J. S. Hough, Hon. Colin H. Campbell, Geo. Rogers, Isaac Cockburn, Theo. A. Burrows, M. P., D. E. Adams and James W. Bettes were elected directors; and at a directors' meeting J. S. Hough was elected president, Hon. C. H. Campbell and Isaac Cockburn, vice-presidents; and James W. Bettes, secretary-treasurer. The company claims to have particularly rich deposits near Lethbridge.

The Bank of Commerce has opened up at Bawlf with A. E. D. Band in charge and at Innisfree with W. P. Perkins.

The secretary of the Calgary Board of Trade states that he has assurances that a large manufacturing industry will shortly erect a \$100,000 plant in that city, giving employment to 60 or 70 hands.

T. P. Malone made a verbal presentation of Mr. Webster's proposition for the erection of a wood and wool working factory to the Strathcona council last week. He asks for a free site of two acres of land exempt from taxation for ten years and fixed assessment for ten more at manufacturers' rates, in return he proposes to employ thirty-five hands during ten months in the year. A more complete statement in writing was asked for by the council.

Hon. George A. Cox's retirement from the presidency of the Bank of Commerce before time has laid a heavy hand upon him affords an excellent example. As a man approaches the three score years and ten mark he is entitled to relaxation from heavy business responsibilities. He cannot be expected to give details the close attention that he could when in his full prime and it is better for himself and better for those whom he serves that he should give over his duties to younger men. Many financial disasters would have been avoided and many fine business reputations saved from ruin, if others in similar positions had done as Mr. Cox has done. The many friends which Mr. B. E. Walker has made in the West will be glad to learn of his advancement to the presidency.

E. H. Moore, lumberman, Wm. Anderson, manager, G. H. Rochester, lumberman, W. W. Dwyer,

merchant, R. E. McCracken and Alexander Fleck, manufacturer, Ottawa; J. H. Sanderson, lumberman, F. C. Baker, merchant, A. H. Woodman, agent, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; and J. H. Lamont, Regina, have been incorporated to transact a lumbering business, under the name of the "Prince Rupert Timber and Lumber Co." with a total capital of \$150,000, and head office in Ottawa.

The fact that 500 men are employed on lumbering operations on the upper Saskatchewan this winter, distributed among 14 logging camps, shows the extent to which this industry has developed in this part of the west.

Peter Larson, the richest Scandinavian in America, who came into prominence some months ago in connection with the deal for the G. T. P. terminus at Kaizen Island, is said to be dying at his home in Minneapolis. He was on board the steamer Clallam, when it went

down some years ago off Victoria and floated all night on a bit of wreckage.

The High River Times tells an interesting little story which has been duplicated over and over again in most progressive western Canadian towns. During the year 1901 R. H. Robertson purchased a half section of land from the C. P. R. and about 80 acres from Captain Onkes. The price paid for the land averaged him about \$5 per acre. He has had erected a very handsome home and added other improvements on the farm until now, it may be said, he has now the finest farm in the district. Last summer he was offered \$62.50 cents an acre which tempting offer he refused. Owing to the town extending its boundaries Mr. Robertson has disposed of over \$4,000 worth of town lots during the past summer.

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PERSONAL

Canada, the Swedish paper published at Winnipeg, referring to the death of C. O. Swanson, the well-known immigration agent at Wetaskiwin, says:

"Mr. Swanson impressed me as a true and genuine man of honor, friendly, social, unassuming and helpful, faithful in his work and adhering strongly to his beloved Scandinavians, he was highly esteemed and popular among all with whom he came in contact, and the department has lost in him a zealous agent and one recognized as the most successful in the United States. The town of Wetaskiwin gave him, accordingly, a few years ago, its recognition in a public way, in which, among other things, an address was presented to him, thanking him for the distinguished service he had rendered in the settling of the district, and for the capable settlers he had brought."

Judge Richardson passed through the city recently on his way to the Pacific coast, where he will spend the remainder of the winter. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Richardson. The Judge intends stopping off on his return to view the progress which has been made since his last visit two years ago.—Regina Tattler.

F. F. Telfer of Telfer Bros., Collingwood has been paying a visit to Edmonton during the week.

The death is announced of Donald Matheson who was born in 1833 in West Kildonan. Mr. Matheson had travelled very extensively long years before the entry of the railroad, and had upon several occasions been with exploration parties through the Rocky mountains. On one notable trip he made in company with several members of the English nobility, he and the members of his party traversed by means of snowshoe and dog train into the remote fastnesses of the mountains.

H. W. Joslin, for years past a resident of Lacombe, is in Edmonton at present and will probably take up his permanent place of abode here.

F. A. Osborne, collector of customs, Edmonton, and A. Allan, collector, Calgary, left on Friday noon for Ottawa, in connection with the customs business.

Col. Cartwright, son of the Hon. Richard Cartwright, and a wife,

come through to Sicamous on Monday. He will remain some time in the Okanagan for the benefit of his health.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Innisfail have gone to England for the benefit of Mrs. Gray's health.

W. S. Gray, who was manager of the Dominion Bank in Edmonton for a short time after it was opened has been transferred from Boissevain to Regina.

Rev. Walter Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert of Vermilion were in Edmonton on Monday last on their way back from Calgary, where they had been married the day before by His Lordship Bishop Pinkham.

The marriage of J. G. VanWart, the well known Calgary man and Miss Drucilla VanWart of Woodstock, N. B., was performed in Medicine Hat Monday evening of last week.

Among those registered at the Canadian offices in Paris in December were Mr. and Mrs. Rene Lemarchand of Edmonton.

Ed. Nagle has returned from Spokane, accompanied by his niece, Miss Alice Nagle.

A number of friends gave J. L. Lessard a jolly send-off at the Richelieu hotel on Friday night previous to his departure for Athabasca Landing, where he has purchased the store of Hebert and Perron.

Miss Knowles of the Seton-Smith is paying a visit to Banff.

R. B. Chadwick the popular secretary of the Edmonton Y. M. C. A. has returned from Belleville, Ont., accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Bessie Cook of that city.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, who is now on the high road to recovery after his recent severe illness, will go south for some months just as soon as he is able to travel.

W. J. Doherty of Revillon Bros. left Edmonton on Tuesday for Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River Crossing.

J. K. Cornwall arrived in Edmonton at the end of the week. He recently returned from the coast. His friends here will be glad to learn that while temporarily a resident of Calgary, when in the latter city, the hotel register always bears the name "Edmonton" as his address.

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Though the weather does not suggest the summer days when down on Fraser's flat, the shouts of the baseball fans resound from the bleachers near the C. N. R. station, there is plenty of baseball talk in the air. The Calgary papers give us the history of F. P. Thyne, their manager, from his early ball-playing days down east. Of course, he learned the game on a corner-lot. Where else was it ever learned?

Since 1893 he has been a manager. If he turns out from Calgary all the world-renowned players he is said to have turned out from his other clubs, Calgary will be a place of considerable importance on the baseball map within the next few years. Withal Mr. Thyne does not believe in boasting "I don't claim," he says "the pennant for Calgary before it is won on the ball field." That is reassuring. It is better to have a few games played just for the sake of appearances.

If the Calgary manager makes good all his claims "Oh to be Thyne, love" will probably become a popular song among the followers of the club.

Then along comes "Bill" Cousins, a first-class sport, whom the people of Medicine Hat, showed their good sense by making mayor a few weeks ago. "Medicine Hat will land the pennant this year," he told the reporter who interviewed him on his recent visit to Edmonton. "Medicine Hat people have the money to spend," he added "and baseball is their long suit in sporting goods."

The Edmonton manager, Deacon White, is not saying much but is sawing wood for all he is worth. Good players are being signed all the time. Si Bennett, an out fielder of Duluth with a fine batting average, Wm. Lussi, who captained the Sheridan, Wyoming, team in 1906, and Tom Egan, a short stop from Superior, Wisconsin, are three players in prospect. Lethbridge has yet to be heard from but I have assurances that when the proper time comes, the irrigation city will be there with the goods.

For the present season, Strathcona is the curling centre for this part of the province. A rink of Edmonton bankers, consisting of Messrs. Pardee, Bowker, Jaffray and Fraser crossed the river on Saturday and were defeated by Messrs. McMahon, Marriott, Lavell and Supple by 15 to 5. The Piccadilly Cup, donated by H. E. Bond & Co., of Toronto, for the curling bonspiel has arrived and is a very handsome one. The preliminaries in the district cup competition have been in progress this week.

Some important changes in the make-up of the two teams in the first game in the Pederson Cup series on Monday night brought about a decided difference in the result from that of New Year's Day, Edmonton defeating Strathcona by 8 to 1 on the former's ice. Grady and Humeston, the old-time goal-keepers were both back in their places. Elliott was at cover for Strathcona and McKee on the forward line in place of McArthur, who was hurt in the last match. The elder Blomfield was back in the game and remained there for every minute of the hour's play. He is as strong and effective a player as has been seen on local ice in a long while. Deaton was in his place once more and as dashing as ever. Campbell was fast and shot particularly well. The younger Blomfield was always in his place. The Strathcona forward line was clearly out-classed. The return match will be held on Monday.

Magnus Flett, the great Winnipeg hockey player, who has figured in many Stanley Cup matches, had his arm injured at Brandon last week to such an extent as to make it unlikely that he will play again.

The city league, which by the way has been reduced to six clubs by the retirement of the hardware aggregation, got off to a good start on Tuesday when the Bankers beat Revillons. The latter team beat the Intermediates a few nights before and were the decided favorites. With Powers and C. Blomfield of the senior team, and Kent, formerly of Strathcona, on their forward line, they were decidedly strong. R. Blomfield was the only senior with the Bankers. He is a tower of strength both as a coach and as a player. The victory of the Bank boys by 2 to 0 is very creditable and shows what can be done by a team by good, hard practice, even if it does not look very strong on paper.

An interesting matinee of races is looked for on Saturday afternoon of this week. It will be held on the river near Fraser's mill.

The onward career of Lacombe hockeyists came to a stop on Thursday night when Edmonton seniors, with the same team as defeated Strathcona earlier in the week, won by 6 to 3 on Edmonton ice. In Lacombe the visitors had been beaten by 5 to 4 and a tight game was looked for. The work of the Lacombe aggregation shows what a senior provincial league would do for the game and should disabuse the smaller towns of the idea that they cannot compete with the larger. Some of the very best hockey ever put on in Canada has been that displayed by the representatives of small and comparatively unimportant places. One of the best sporting communities in Ontario for instance is Paris, which has had champions at all kinds of games over and over again, and it has only something in the neighborhood of two thousand of a population.

The Kenora Stanley Cup Challengers started out well on Thursday by defeating the Montreal Wanderers by 4 to 2. The score at half-time was 2-2 and the winning two goals were scored just before time was called. It was from all accounts a great match. The Kenora team will have the best wishes of all westerners.

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Red Deer hockeyists made a poor showing at Calgary, being over-

whelmed by a score of 17 to 3. (Chalk and King) formerly of Calgary, played with the visitors.

The High School juniors defeated the McKay Avenue school by 3 to 0 last Saturday morning.

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Tickets on sale Feb. 1, 2 and 4, 1907, good to return within three months.

Sunny Alberta.

The following appears in the last issue of the *Leduc Enterprise*:

Leduc, Alta., Jan. 6, 1907.

To the Ratepayers of Leduc.

Gentlemen—I hereby certify that on Election Day, Jan. 7th, that I wrongfully accused A. H. Liver- sidge of having served three glasses of beer to Germans for their vote and influence at the poll. This beer was certainly served by some one interested in election matters.

T. Pillen.

The first council of Leduc is constituted as follows: Mayor—C. W. Gaetz; Councillors—Messrs Baker, Anderson, Norris, Alton, Featherstonhaugh.

G. G. Mann, Indian agent, has been in Wetaskiwin investigating the death of Johnny Crane, an Indian who was found dead on the trail near Pigeon Lake. As an outcome of this investigation one Indian has been sent to Fort Saskatchewan for one month's hard labor for being drunk, a breed has been committed for trial on account of perjury, and a Wetaskiwin bartender has been fined \$100 and costs for selling the liquor to the Indians.

Thomas Dahl has been elected Mayor of Camrose by acclamation.

Vegreville's new school building was opened with appropriate exercises on January 9th. Addresses were delivered by J. B. Holden, M.P.P., J. M. McNig, superintendent of Edmonton schools, A. L. Horton, F. A. Morrison, Rev. A. B. Argue, Rev. W. F. Gold, Rev. T. A. Broadfoot, W. Pollock Fraser, and Dr C. W. Field. An excellent musical programme was also given, Mayor Clements presiding. The school, which is in charge of Principal Fraser, is in all respects a credit to the community.

The farmers of Camrose district, interested in the Carey note case, held a meeting recently and decided to make every effort to secure possession of the notes given to Mr. Carey in connection with his elevator scheme.

Peter Fisher and John Ollibirla fell down a mine shaft at Frank on Jan. 5 and were killed. Inspector Heathcoat is investigating the circumstances.

Dr. Walker has been appointed medical health officer of Wetaskiwin.

Cold weather demoralized the C.N.R. passenger train time table badly last week. Wednesday's train got in late Friday night, Thursday's worried along early on Sunday morning. These are samples. It made one think that if by accident day after tomorrow's train should be on time it would push day before yesterday's off the track about half way between here and Winnipeg.—Vegreville Observer.

J. H. Anderson was instantly killed while out shooting near Didsbury last week. His brother, G. W. Anderson, came up from Calgary and took the body to the family home at Alisa Craig, Ontario. The dead young man was 30 years of age.

Rev. Mr. Barner has been offered the principality of the Industrial School at Red Deer.

Shelby D. Reed, contractor of Lacombe, who has been working on the G.T.P. grade, south of Lloydminster, states that there is

not enough frost in the ground to interfere with grading operations.

The R.N.W.M.P. officials have hardly any doubt that R. H. Rice, the young Englishman who disappeared from Calgary last fall, is dead. Information has been received from Seattle that a man had been found dead there some time ago, whose clothes were marked "Rice." At the time of the recovery of the body there had been no information sent out to the authorities from Calgary, and, naturally, the unfortunate young man was looked upon by the coast officials as one of the numerous unfortunates who constantly drift out there, and from various reasons, are driven to take their own lives.

George S. Kirkham has been elected chairman of the Innisfail school board. E. J. Fream succeeds S. P. Fream as secretary.

The Penhold abduction case came up at Red Deer last week, when A. D. McKenzie had Walter Shuh and Avis Hockett up for aiding and abetting Miss McKenzie in leaving her home. Shuh had been up on a similar charge before Mr. Justice Fulmer, which had been dismissed for want of sufficient evidence. Mr. McKenzie relaid the charge, presumably on the strength of new evidence and produced a letter from the Attorney General's department that the case should be re-tried. Mr. Crawford, on behalf of Shuh, produced Mr. Fulmer's decision in the preliminary investigation and argued that a man could not be tried twice on the same charge and the same occasion, which Justices Hanna and Carruthers upheld, and dismissed the case. No charge lying against Shuh, none could be maintained against Avis Hockett, and she, too, was dismissed. Mr. McKenzie intends to appeal the decision. A physical encounter wound up the proceedings.

C and E. mail clerks will hereafter exchange direct mails for points out the Lacombe and Wetaskiwin branches of the C. and E.

The Victoria Hotel at Lacombe now presents a handsome appearance after having had a new front put upon it, work rendered necessary by the recent fire. On Jan. 10 the proprietor tendered the Fire Brigade an elaborate banquet in appreciation of its efforts in the great conflagration of Sep. 8th.

Fire, originating in the Royal Hotel at Stettler, destroyed that structure and the Alberta Hotel on Jan. 7th. When the alarm was given most of the citizens were at the ice carnival. The town's gasoline fire engine had been left outside and become frozen. It was therefore of little use for some time. Most intense cold prevailed.

A small powder magazine containing ten boxes blew up at Bankhead about midnight on Jan. 8th. There were no fatalities, though a number were badly shaken up by the concussion. There was considerable damage done to buildings, and Valer's boarding house had the end seriously damaged. Burns' butcher shop was also badly damaged, and the manager was thrown out of bed. Even as far away at Banff the force of the explosion was sufficient to disturb pictures on the walls and other small articles.

In the early morning of New Year's Day the flooring in the bar of the Alberta Hotel at Vermilion caught fire. It was discovered just in time to avert the destruction of the building.

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The Lacombe school board has been offered \$15,000 for the present school property. It is the intention to erect a handsome new building. W. F. Brett is the new chairman of the Board.

Richard Pilling, senr., died at his home on the banks of the St. Mary's river near Cardston on Jan. 5th. He was born in Yorkshire,

England, in 1833, emigrated to the United States in 1850, and crossed the plains to Utah in 1853. In 1899 he moved to Alberta.

The Cardston baggage car while standing in the station yard at Lethbridge on a recent Saturday night was destroyed by fire. A first-class coach had also a narrow escape.

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Note and Comment.

(Continued).

The Cranbrook Herald, the editor of which is Mr. F. E. Simpson, known professionally as "The Old Man," one of the most original and clearest-headed journalists in the country, is supporting the Liberals in the present provincial elections, although his paper claims to have no political affiliations. As was to be expected, those on the other side have been sneering at his so-called independence. "The Old Man" counters neatly by quoting the definition of "independent" in one of the standard dictionaries. It is as follows:

INDEPENDENT—Not dependent upon or subject to the control, power or authority of another; not relying on others; not subordinate, free to manage one's own affairs without the interference of others; free.

The definition is satisfactory. No newspaper, that is of value to a community, will fail to take sides in a political contest, when it believes it is in the public interest for it to do so. It is because so many "independent" papers have held aloof, for fear of having their non-partizan character called in question, that the name has come to be identified with a milk-and-water school of journalism that nobody can have any respect for. The really independent newspaper is that over which no political organization has any control and the policy of which is dictated simply by its opinion as to what is for the greatest good to the greatest number.

A few weeks ago the Saturday News quoted a paragraph from the Medicine Hat News, showing how the selection of a postmaster for that city had been determined by a vote of the Liberal executive. In Lavo, down the C.N.R. line, the people evidently have still to learn their first lesson in higher politics. The Lavo correspondent of the Vegreville Observer writes:

"The selection of a postmaster to succeed the present incumbent who has resigned, has agitated the voters here. A petition endorsing E. Ingram was circulated and largely signed, but as J. E. Graham and W. I. Sanford also expressed a wish for the office it was decided to put the matter to a vote of the patrons of the post office. Polling was held at bond

Bros.' office and resulted in 17 votes for Graham, 14 for Ingram, and 13 for Sanford. The result has been forwarded to Mr. Holden, M.P.P., who was to endorse the candidate receiving the highest number of votes."

It is refreshing to find that in at least one part of the country the idea is prevalent that the office of postmaster exists primarily for the benefit of those who receive mail at the post office over which he presides. In most places it is assumed that it is created for the benefit of rewarding deserving party workers.

An effort is being made to secure the emigration to Canada of 50,000 British navvies. The official having the negotiations in charge is Thomas Southworth, the Ontario director of colonization, but the Dominion authorities appear to be lending their support to the scheme. This indicates that they are disposed to abandon their policy of inducing only those who wish to settle on the land to come to Canada. That is our prime need, but we also require large additions to our general labor supply. Men to do rough work are particularly necessary. The labor situation during the past year or two has undoubtedly impeded our development. We must have immigration of this character and it is preferable to have it come from Britain.

All parts of the country to the south are beginning to feel the effects of the immigration to the Canadian West. In Minnesota prominent politicians are making part of their platform to take steps to counteract it. The following clipping from the Logan County Advocate, Sterling, Colorado, of December 20, shows what is going down in that State:

"The Alberta, Canada, boom has struck Sterling for fair" (says the Advocate), "and it may be expected that during the coming year Logan county will lose several of her good citizens. Monday evening a party composed of Albert Johnson, Al Snyder, Gus Swatsfeiger, Sherman Tucker, Nel Rose, Mr. Emilly, and W. E. Logan, all of Atwood and Merino, left for the Alberta country with a view of investigating if the prospect seems favorable. The Alberta country is all right, but the man who leaves this part of the world for Canada expecting to better his condition is bound to be disappointed."

"The Advocate goes on to tell of the many advantages of its district. This is what is to be expected of a loyal local paper. Many Ontario papers have been talking to their readers in a similar strain. Alberta need not fear the result of such fatherly advice. These active measures to stem the tide afford the best advertisement that we could have. It is pretty hard work keeping a bow away from a circus, after he is told that he should not go to it, even though his desire to do so is not very strong in the first place.

On Dec. 31 1856 James Stewart, a prominent Hudson's Bay Co. official of Fort Garry was married to the daughter of Robert Mackay. On New Year's Day, 1907, they celebrated their golden wedding at Prince Albert. Mr. Stewart was one of those imprisoned by Riel in the winter of 1869 and 1870, and his wife cooked the daily meal for the prisoners during the two months. A party of old-timers surprised them with the presentation of a purse containing \$400 in gold, accompanied with a suitable expression of good wishes and of appreciation of many good deeds. Ald. Andrews, who figured in the presentation; Mr. J. M. Combes, a

fellow-prisoner with Mr. Stewart in 1869 and 1870, and ex-Speaker J. F. Botts of the Legislature, another Fort Garry friend, made short speeches.

Previous to his leaving for his new post in Calgary, manager Bennetts of the Merchant's Bank was presented with a beautiful solitaire scarf pin by the business men of Medicine Hat. Mr. Bennetts has been stationed at Medicine Hat for four years past and stood high in the confidence of the community.

J. Collinet who has been on a prospecting trip to Jasper Pass country has returned to Lavo to meet Mrs. Collinet who is returning from a three months' visit in France. Mr. Collinet intends returning to the Jasper Pass country in a couple of months.

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The citizens of Mundare have organized a board of trade. The meeting was held on Jan. 4th and the following officers elected:—J. B. Holden, Patron; Hon. Frank Oliver, hon. pres.; J. H. Milne, pres.; J. D. McAllister, vice pres.; C. M. Murray, sec. treas.; J. S. McCallum, chairman transportation committee; E. N. Walker, chairman public works committee; A. T. Clark, chairman immigration committee.

The handsome residence of J. H. McEachern, situated on the hill a quarter of a mile to the north of Pincher Creek, was burned to the ground early on Monday of last week. The fire, which originated from the furnace, was responsible for the loss of \$10,000. Mr. and Mrs. McEachern and children were able to make their escape in only the lightest clothing.

The congregation of Knox Church, Lethbridge, has unanimously decided to build a new church.

Antoine Bruchet, an old-timer of Lethbridge, died last week.

The building operations in Lethbridge during the past year reached nearly a third of a million.

The people of the vicinity of Taber are petitioning the Government for a bridge across the river near that town.

C. J. Eckstorm of the Hotel Dalins, Lethbridge, is the moving spirit in an enterprise to build a theatre in that city.

S. Galama went out from Lethbridge recently to look at some land. He lost his way. When he eventually reached a farmhouse his hands and feet were so badly frozen that amputation of some of the affected members is probable.

The diocese has petitioned the Government that steps be taken to make it more difficult for persons, who are legally disqualified for marrying, to obtain licenses.

Paul Purdiss, of Calgary, has resigned his post as engineer of the waterworks and sewer construction in progress at Red Deer. The council decided to stop work for the winter, contrary to his advice. Their decision, he claims, means a loss of \$8000 to the municipality. He urged that it would be difficult to break in the inexperienced gang in the spring, that the trenches if left as they are until then would collapse and that there would be a lot of trouble in draining them.

Benjamin Taylor, who came to Okotoks from Devinton some two months ago, has been arrested on a charge of passing some worthless cheques.

The Medicine Hat Board of Trade has elected the following officers: Pres.-J. C. S. Pingle; Vice-Pres. H. L. Tweed; Secretary (pro tem), F. S. Pingle; Council, F. L. Crawford, W. Cousins, W. Huckvale, Thos. Hutchinson, O. W. Kealy, D. G. White, W. C. Harris and F. G. Forster.

Fire in the Allan block, Calgary, on Sunday night, did some damage to the goods of McBurney and McCutcheon, C. Kinniburgh, and McLeod Bros. Some of the hy-

drants were frozen, men employed on the city's thawing machine having been allowed to quit work on account of the cold weather.

Three passenger coaches on Saturday morning's train from Calgary to McLeod jumped over an embankment. T. Siegler, travelling to Frank, had his thigh fractured and hand smashed, Oscar Sandelon his legs bruised, while Brakeman McLean sustained scalp wounds.

On Monday the post office and general store of B. G. Campbell at Alix were destroyed by fire, along with the drug store and office of Dr. Wilson.

Calgary will organise a Canadian Club, the committee having the matter in hand consisting of C. W. Peterson, E. L. Richardson, and W. M. Davidson.

Calgary Liberals have elected the following officers:

Honorary President, Hon. W. H. Cushing, E. M. Riley, M. P. President, Dr. Stewart; vice-presidents, R. A. G. Bell, Dr. Mason; secretary, Stanley Jones; treasurer, A. M. Grogan; executive committee, W. W. Davidson, J. C. McNeil, A. Gross, W. A. Stewart, A. M. Parken, P. C. MacLeod, J. A. Granville, Dr. Anderson, E. E. Taylor, H. M. McLean, C. B. Reilly, James Short, Dr. Riddell, W. Sherwood, James Twolney, F. F. Higgs. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the policy of the government.

The Mormon meeting house at Mountain View near Cardston was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday evening.

At this week's meeting of the Calgary council Ald. Mitchell proposed the establishment of a municipal telephone system. The matter was referred to a committee.

BORN

Wilkin—At Fort Saskatchewan on Jan. 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilkin, a daughter.

Wallbridge—At Edmonton on Jan. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallbridge, a son.

Gallagher—To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gallagher, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Calgary, a son.

Tomlinson—To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tomlinson, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, in Calgary, a daughter.

Montgomery—At Wetaskiwin, on January 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Montgomery, a son.

MARRIED

Morfit—Paynter—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, Jan. 1st, by Rev. J. B. Howard, John William Robert Morfit to Miss Carrie May Paynter, both of Bowden.

Golightly—Gardner—At the Methodist church, Wetaskiwin, on New Year's Day, Emily, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner to Wm. F. Golightly of Vancouver.

DEATHS

Simpson—At Strathcona hospital on Thursday Jan. 2nd, Frederick John Simpson formerly of the Edmonton postoffice.

Watkins—At Strathcona hospital on Saturday, Jan. 5th, John Watkins, aged 50 years.

Swanson—On Jan. 9, the wife of A. Swanson, farmer, west of Lacombe.

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IN WINTER.

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The last grey feather to southward goes.

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When the lonely north-wind blows.

The harrow and sickle are laid away.

The barns are warm with the scent of hay;

While Death stalks free in the silent world.

Through the gloom of a winter's day.

In the creeping night the black winds cry.

The daylight comes like a stifled sigh.

The hearth gleams red, while the long grey smoke

Crawls up to a grayer sky.

A week or more ago the English papers were full of the marriage of George Armstrong, the son of Madame Melba, the famous opera singer, to Ruby Otway, daughter of Col. Otway, one of the most conspicuous millionaires of Park Lane. We heard that among the guests were such prominent society folk as the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Cadogan, Lord and Lady Beaumont, and many equally well-known members of the nobility; also that the great diva had settled on her son a castle in Ireland and an estate attached thereto, with an annuity of £4,500 a year.

When I read the foregoing I remember thinking what a perfect joy to this great woman to be able to evidence to her boy her wonderful mother love for him in these magnificent wedding gifts, the fruit of her God-given voice.

At that time I hadn't heard the story of George Armstrong's early years, nor had so much as a hint of the artist's early desertion of a devoted husband and a wee boy baby.

Twenty-three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were living in Australia, to all intents and purposes, the happiest of mortals. Twenty years ago Mrs. Armstrong left the country, having achieved all the colony offered in the way of a musical reputation, but when she departed she went alone, deserting the husband who was doing his best for her in the wild Australian bush, also the tiny boy who was only commencing to toddle about.

And that is the last that Mr. Armstrong ever saw of his wife. Henceforth Madame Melba, who had adopted her name from that of her native city, Melbourne, went her splendid way alone, and meanwhile the father lived on in the sheep ranch giving over his days to tending his flock and watching over his boy, who meanwhile was developing into a fine likely lad, able to take his turn at tending the sheep.

Twelve or fifteen years ago Mr. Armstrong sold his Australian ranch and came to the United States, bringing with him his young son, the pride of his heart.

At first they tried their fortune in Texas, but later moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where the boy got his schooling, and the father again went into the business of sheep raising.

With a good every-day education the boy joined his father in the cabin among the foot-hills of the Cascade range, taking his turn with the herders and enjoying a fine healthy life of it.

Then one day came a letter. After 20 years the artist mother remembered she had a son. The letter was not too long. Madame Melba would like Mr. Armstrong to send the boy to San Francisco where she would meet him on a certain date. There was no mention made of any desire to be reconciled to her husband. Mr. Armstrong and the boy talked it over (there had never been any secrets between them) and after considering everything, the father strongly recommended that the lad should go and see his mother. If after making her acquaintance he found the life she lived uncongenial he was to return and things should go on as they had before.

So one morning father and son journeyed to Klamath Falls, purchased a slender outfit, and drew sufficient money to make the young man independent of his mother in case he should decide to return, and so they separated.

Three years have passed since Mr. Armstrong made his solitary journey back to the ranch, and George Armstrong, jr., went to meet the mother who chose to ignore his existence for twenty long years. And now he is married, and evidently in the way to become a fairly important figure, as the husband of an enormously wealthy young woman, and the son of so world-famous a mother. But I wonder if sometimes it doesn't occur to him that he has made a rather poor bargain after all—that exchange of twenty year's devotion for a be-lated affection and a portion of this world's wealth. I wonder if he never thinks regretfully of his happy, care-free life among the hills tending his father's sheep and the quiet evenings when they two sat at the little cabin door drinking in the dreamy beauty of the evening, or snuggled up to the fire and talked of the days and times they had put in together? Or does the siren voice of his beautiful ambitious mother lure him on and away from those days on the sheep-trimmed downs, when he was only a shepherd boy, a whistling wistful shepherd boy, herding his father's flock?

Have you heard the Calgarian definitions of a ranch and a "ranch"? If not, get wise. A ranch pays—a "ranch"—never.

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about things. "It was your day at home."

A great scandal in high life is recalled by the marriage at Brussels of Andre Giron and Mlle Jeanne Breen. It was Giron who eloped three years ago with the Crown Princess of Saxony, and then, for a pecuniary reward, abandoned her. By this elopement the Princess lost the crown of Saxony, her children, fortune, home, and was expelled in disgrace from the imperial house of Hapsburg. And yet silly women still persist in believing in all for love, and the world well lost. Oh if only the foolish girls and moon-sick married women would take a lesson from this poor deluded Prin-

cess's fate, what a sane, wise world we should have of it! Could but a quarter of the army of these renegade wives and misguided young girls, pass in actual review before us, how many would forsake even the worst of homes for a life of shame with such miserable mannikins?

There is a distinctly clever skit in this month's "Smart Set" headed "His Ambition" which is sufficiently smart to repay reproducing. It consists of the cogitations of an Old Codger, who is anxious to organize a "Solid Facts Club," its work to make clear to the public, the Whole Story. There will be no regalia, no ritual, its members will be distinguished only by

their insistence on the Entire Truth.

For instance, when a candidate claims that he is running for office at the earnest solicitation of his many friends, in order to get credence from the members of the club he will be obliged to produce a list of the said friends. When a newspaper refers to a tub-shaped citizen as 'prominent,' the question, 'Why?' will be asked. And when a new acquaintance begins to 'too quickly get cordial to a member of the organization he will promptly bump up against the cold query, 'What do you want?' The philanthropist who attempts to donate anything to anybody must plainly specify what's the matter with it; the well-known society leader must bring forward the names of those whom she leads; orators must stand and have their tongues tested with acid; and all persons who 'accept positions,' every old maid who 'flutteringly declares that it's so sudden, all speakers who did not expect to be called upon this evening, and all the rest of the popular, influential, public-spirited, charming, celebrated, 'Hon.' genial, distinguished, and so forth, Toms, Richards and Henrys who so numerously infest us will be compelled to produce the sworn papers on it. Every colonel who does not exhibit his commission will be reduced to the ranks; all powerful evangelists must, before making up a collection, bring forward testimonials from the devil as to the extent of his injuries; and the prominent ladies' man must wait till we hear from the ladies. In short, every claim to notoriety must be fortified with the goods, and the millennium will ensue.

La-la-la, what a time we should have of it! I just misdoomed me though, if we would experience half our present delight in watching the human peep show.

HOME AND SOCIETY.

Social engagements have had to take second place this week to a discussion of the Chisholm fire, which on Monday evening made such havoc of the personal effects of the Block's numerous inmates. The fire was deplorable from every standpoint. It seemed so unnecessary, the heating apparatus being at no fault, nor any apparent reason being found why the fine building should have fallen a victim to the destroying fiend; again it was maddening that with actually no flames in sight those rooming there should not have been permitted to save some of their belongings; however I have no doubt the police thought they were acting for the best, and it is a matter for deep satisfaction that no lives were endangered.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson lost everything, that is, with the exception of a very few trifles. Wedding presents, the little personal effects so dear to every man and woman—all were destroyed.

Mr. Harry Morris and Mr. Charley Jardine were particularly unfortunate, losing a splendid new piano, purchased just five days previous, some exceptionally fine pictures and valuable personal papers—in fact all the bachelor treasures they have accumulated in years.

So, with M. Kelly. Among his most deeply deplored losses were two magnificent black fox skins valued at three hundred dollars

Personal.

Mrs. Hammer and her daughter, Julia with Mr. Ed. Jenson left the early part of the week for Salt Lake City. The Mayor's daughter will return with another name and our friend Ed. will have joined the beneficiaries. Success and much happiness together with a safe return to their many friends in Cardston.—Cardston Star.

Mrs. C. F. Concybeare of Lethbridge accompanied by her son and two daughters, who will attend school in the east, left for Toronto last week.

The A. R. & I. officials at Lethbridge presented C. A. Magrath, land commissioner of the company, with a most appropriate address and a handsome piece of silver plate, on his retiring from his post after 21 years of service.

The Fort Saskatchewan reporter has been sold by W. J. Hunter to William Findlay of the Ottawa Free Press. Mr. Findlay has had a long and excellent journalistic experience and comes from a family which has held a high place in the newspaper world of the east. His uncle, the late Andrew Pattullo, was for many years editor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. Mr. Findlay before going to Ottawa was advertising manager of the Toronto News and managing editor of the Windsor Standard. He is a distinct acquisition to Alberta newspaperdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Sheppard of Stratheona have gone to England. Mr. Sheppard has been chosen as one of the western Canadian farmers to carry on immigration work in the old country within the next few months.

Rev. and Mrs. Seeley of Pincher Creek celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage on New Year's Day by holding a reception to their friends at the Methodist parsonage. The older people were present in the afternoon and the younger in the evening.

The Vermilion Signal in chronicling the death in Toronto from heart disease of Captain Frank Norman notes that he received his commission as inspector in 1880 and was later promoted to superintendent. He was stationed at almost all the important mounted police posts in the old North-West, including McLeod, Walsh, Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Regina, Wood Mountain and Prince Albert. Captain Norman was a man of whom it may be said that his body was big enough to hold a very big heart. Cordiality and good humor were his distinguishing characteristics, and there are very many of the old-timers in the country who will regret to learn of his comparatively early death.

Previous to his departure for the coast the Innisfail friends of James Allison gathered at the home of Mrs. Constantine and presented him with a handsome gold watch chain.

Norman D. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, on retiring from the Alberta hotel, Calgary, were presented with a very handsome gold and onyx timepiece and jewel by the hotel staff. They have gone on a trip to the coast.

Councillor W. E. Rankin of Stratheona has returned from a business trip to Ontario.

City Engineer Keely is expected to arrive in Edmonton next week.

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THE CONVENTION AT CALGARY.

The annual convention of the Alberta Farmers' Association held at Calgary on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 9th and 10th, will constitute an important milestone in the history of an organisation, which all who have followed its operations must be convinced is destined to play a large part in the great future that lies before the province. It marked the close of the first year of the association's existence. In that time it has accomplished a very great deal for the benefit of those whose interests it was organised to serve. From a small and obscure body it has developed into a powerful one, with its branches in all parts of the province and with its officers and its rank and file composed of some of the ablest and successful agriculturists that the Dominion can lay claim to. The ability with which its representatives stated their cases before the tariff commission, before the grain commission, and before the agricultural committee at Ottawa has won for it notice far beyond the bounds of Alberta. It was a strong factor in impressing upon the Dominion Cabinet the necessity of keeping the tariff down, if western interests were not to be sacrificed. Through its efforts Alberta winter wheat received special classification. A few weeks ago before the grain commission it proved right up to the handle its use for similar treatment for Alberta oats. It secured the appointment of an agent to investigate the market for Alberta oats in British Columbia and many of its members have already obtained greatly advanced prices for this staple product. In these and in other ways it has made its influence felt. Having done so much in so short a time, what may we not expect in the coming year now that the initial difficulties have been overcome and the association is in a position to take full advantage of its opportunities?

The Convention was held in Nolan's Hall, and the following delegates registered:

E. Clover Bar—S. Ottewell
Strathcona—Wm. Lang, G. Ball,
J. Fletcher, D. S. Fulton, D. W. Warner.
Raymond—T. W. Harris.
Red Deer—Henry Jameson.
Olds—George Macdonald, Geo. Rand.
Innisfail—E. Robinson.
Clover Bar—John S. Parmenter.
Beaumont—Wm. Heatley.
Colchester—H. Morton, W. McAllister.
Cowley—A. H. Gurn

Midnapore—S. S. Brogden, A. G. Woolley—Dodd, James Williamson, George Warnascat.

Cardston—E. N. Barker, T. H. Woolford.

Magrath—George Heathershaw, W. S. Thompson.

These delegates were the accredited representatives of some 1200 members of the association. W. F. Stevens, secretary, and R. W. Whillans were present as members of the executive.

"We have been sailing our craft on turbulent waters" said President Warner in his address, with which the convention opened, "but feel that there are smooth seas ahead." The difficulties of the first year's work were referred to. All the old branches were adding largely to their membership and new ones being constantly organized. They had succeeded in a very large measure in winning the confidence of the agriculturists and of the public at large. The duties of president were not easy to fulfil and he was very fortunate in having the services of so competent a secretary as Mr. Stevens. Two features of their policy they had strongly adhered to. They were always determined that the interests of individuals should be subordinated to those of the association. In regard to every matter that arose for decision they had acted with care. "When an Association moves" said Mr. Warner, "the move must be a definite one. It cannot retreat like an individual. So it is best to move slowly." Mr. Warner concluded with a glowing reference to the prospects for the coming year.

Mr. Stevens, the secretary, in his verbal report gave a statement of the association's work during his tenure of office, which for clearness and conciseness would be difficult to match and which was followed with the keenest interest. "It does not seem to me," he said, "that the farmers are going to be benefited by an organization which promises extravagant things." A moderate, business-like policy had been pursued and he thought they had won to a remarkable degree the confidence of the farmers and of the public at large. As an illustration of the difference wrought in the opinion held of the farmer in Alberta towns and cities through the instrumentality of the association, he recalled that two years ago a number of farmers asked the Strathcona Board of Trade for the privilege of presenting their views on certain questions before that body. The Board of Trade secretary went about the street summoning the members to the meeting in this fashion: "You had better come out to-night and see what is the matter with these farmers." Two years passed and this week members of the association were requested to meet the members of the Edmonton Board of Trade to discuss certain other matters. On account of the convention, they could not accede to the request and the Edmonton conference had been postponed till they could. That morning a telegram had been received from the union of municipi-

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palities meeting at Red Deer asking the farmers what they thought of a proposal to establish counties throughout the province. They did not wish to take action till they had ascertained the farmers' wishes. "I think," said Mr. Stevens, "that we have passed our period of probation. The farmers are a power and legislators are willing to listen to them if they are practical and talk business."

The telegram received from the convention at Red Deer was as follows:

"Owing to the rapid development of the country, we have resolved that it would be advisable to request and respectfully urge, the provincial government to provide a uniform system of municipalities in place of the present local improvement districts; such municipalities to bear the names of

counties, and nine townships to be in a county. We will pass the resolution if approved by your association."

An animated discussion arose as to the answer that was to be sent. Mr. Lang was strongly in favor of maintaining the present system. Mr. Stevens was certain that the money being spent on roads at present was by no means being thrown away. Mr. Woolford remarked that the formation of municipalities always led to heavy taxes. "They were too heavy where I came from" he added "and that is why I came out here." Mr. Heatley protested that money was being spent unfairly under the present system. In his district they had a grievance against their local member, who had not allowed money to be spent there because of the vote which it had given at his election. Mr. Fletcher thought the method of electing local improvement councillors needed regulating badly.

Finally it was agreed that the time was not opportune for the adoption of the Red Deer idea, but one contrary vote being registered.

A heavy grist of resolutions took up the evening session. Along the western boundary of the province between the 49th and 54th parallels, one of them pointed out, there are 25,000,000 acres of valuable timber land. The need of reforestation and the setting aside of forest reserves were urged on the government.

A resolution that elicited much discussion was that asking that rural municipalities be given the option of levying a hospital rate, not exceeding one cent per acre, farmers to receive treatment at the hospital aided gratuitously.

Mr. Jamieson urged that the charitably-disposed should not bear the brunt of an essentially public duty. Others, however, thought that it would not be in the interests of the association for it to take the responsibility of urging on the government the laying of further burdens on the agriculturist and the resolution was voted down.

It was resolved that the government be requested to legislate so that homesteaders should have the first chance to purchase mineral rights on their homesteads.

Another resolution was carried to the effect that as the government was establishing trunk system telephones, the association recommended that the management of the trunk lines be placed in the hands of a commission, composed of men who will be above party political influence.

Mr. Stevens pointed out the difficulty of keeping such services away from political control and recalled how James Dalrymple, the Glasgow public ownership expert, had been brought to Chicago to give his views as to the adoption of the principle there and had come to the conclusion that before it could be made a success, it would be necessary to make Chicago over.

A resolution on motor cars began "inasmuch as motors are more dangerous in motion than standing still." It asked for stringent regulations but the resolution committee modified it so as to ask merely for regulations that would compel drivers of motor cars to respect the safety of those in other conveyances and pedestrians. It was finally referred to the legislative committee, after Mr. Fletcher had pointed out that the act secured by Mr. Boyle

at the last session of the legislature afforded some relief.

A resolution calling for legislation to establish a provincial system of highways, one-third of the cost to be borne by the government, one-third by the centres of population connected by the road and one-third by the land affected was set aside.

The bonusing of railways corporations and industries had not a friend in the gathering and was condemned with one voice.

A resolution on the rate of interest, about the meaning of which there was some doubt, was voted down.

One of very great interest to Southern Alberta was introduced by Mr. Harris and carried without opposition. It called for the following changes in the irrigation law:

1. That the water rights be made transferrable, as the farmers have paid for the water and should have right to sell;

2. The companies shall maintain and operate all laterals under their respective systems.

3. That water be measured by a competent engineer, with meter and graduated weir placed in all laterals, so that the ditch rider or water master will be at no loss to determine the amount of water passing a given point.

4. That instead of water being measured continuous as under the present system it shall be distributed as follows: That a standard stream shall be 250-100 sec. feet, and where less than the amount be due in one lateral it be measured pro rata (as 50-100 feet due in one lateral instead of being continuous), it be measured 250-100 feet pro rata, or 33 3-5 hours each week, or where the volume exceeds 250-100 feet and does not reach two standard streams it shall be pro rata as before.

5. That all streams be scheduled and that schedules be furnished the farmer not later than May 1, stating at what point to be taken, and time of any amount;

6. Where water users fail for three consecutive years to pay for their water rights the water rights be then taken away from them.

7. Where one wilfully takes by force or otherwise water scheduled for another, it be made a criminal offense for which recourses can be had to the nearest justice of the peace.

The legislative committee was asked to take up the question of exorbitant rates of interest that were being charged in some parts of the province.

A resolution calling for improvement in the postal service was passed though Mr. Jamieson thought that the people from each locality should make specific complaints.

A most interesting discussion arose over the proposal to compel elevators to put in cleaning apparatus. Mr. Thompson caused much merriment by telling of his experience when running an elevator. He bought some wheat as No. 1 Rejected, cleaned it and thought as he would get a better grade, he was doing a very smart thing. However, it got tagged and became No. 2 Rejected.

Mr. Jamieson held that the farmer should catch smut before it was born by following the instructions of farmers' institutes and ex-

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CITY MESSENGER SERVICE



The editor of the Saturday supplement of the Winnipeg Telegram makes an interesting comparison between railway travel in England and Canada and tells of an experience which a gentleman well known throughout all the West, Archbishop Matheson, had when making a journey through the Old Land last year.

"Here, your Grace," said a porter carrying his much-labelled portmanteau and throwing open the door of a first class railway carriage at a London station.

His Grace hesitated for a minute as a voice from the interior of the carriage whispered earnestly and ominously.

"I am a poached egg and I can't find my toast."

Whether the occupant of the carriage was insane or merely desirous of preserving the carriage for himself and unaware of the companionable qualities of the distinguished Canadian ecclesiastic of the Anglican church, the story does not say. But it is certain that the Archbishop was not anxious to journey in English railway carriages alone with a companion about whose sanity there might arise reasonable doubt, even if the statement of gastronomic confusion had the familiar ring of the line of a late comic opera. Archbishops, shrewd and far seeing though they be, are not familiar with the librettos of comic operas.

The story emphasizes one of the social advantages of travel in Europe, the Telegram points out. A companion of travel may be as undesirable as possible, as mad as a March hare, but the construction of passenger trains and cars in North America permit of a quasi-privacy, the privacy of a crowd.

The Archbishop's story serves to recall an experience which a friend of my own had in an English railway carriage. Opposite him sat a gentleman scribbling letters on a pad for dear life. At last he folded them, stamped and addressed them. Handing them to my friend he exclaimed:

"Well I'm going to jump out here. Will you kindly post these letters?"

The train was going at the rate of a mile a minute at the time. On the envelopes the Canadian saw the names of Mr Chamberlain, Mr Balfour, the Archbishop of Canterbury and others of equal note.

"Certainly" he replied with as

much coolness as he could command. "I will, but a moment before you leave, I want to ask a great favor. I am building a church and I want help. I see you are acquainted with everybody. Will you give me a few letters of introduction?"

"My dear sir, I shall be delighted" was the reply. He sat down and scribbled until the train drew into a station. Immediately his companion thrust his head out and yelled for assistance. The letter-writer had escaped from a large private asylum.

Our system makes it unnecessary to scan those sitting near to determine whether they are blackmailers, criminals and lunatics, a fact which even with attendant disadvantages, makes it preferable to that in vogue across the water.

Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, has stirred up the staid Britisher by her reply to the editor of the London Times in connection with the controversy which has been going on over the book-selling methods of that newspaper.

"I here invite you" she writes, "and all your absurdities, in my second best Californianese, to go to the devil. I'm sick of the whole controversy, and am too busy with my new book to bother with you and further."

Miss Atherton is certainly entitled to the prize for breeziness in discussions of a literary character.

A Scotch newspaper recently published the following under that very interesting column in many great papers which is headed "Personal":

Erring Wife—"In the hurry of eloping you have taken away the key of the wine cellar. Please return it and all will be forgotten.—Heart-broken Husband.

"I thought you were going to bring your talking machine over with you to-night," remarked the host as his guest was taking off his coon-skin the other night.

"Not so loud please!" was the reply. "My wife did come. She's just in the other room there."

"Do you move in the same circle with her?"

"I should say not," replied the sweet thing with the dimple. "We wouldn't even live in the same square with her."

"See here," said the theatrical manager, "you must drop your overbearing behavior towards the other members of the company."

"Indeed!" replied the leading lady haughtily. "I'm the leading star, am I not?"

"Well, yes; but just remember that you're not a fixed star."

It is reported that a young Englishman recently consulted a pretty manicurist. When he was leaving she said:

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Harper's Weekly in a recent issue told a good story of Wilbur Nesbitt, the novelist. When he was finishing his humorous novel, "The Gentleman Ragsman," he was spending a few weeks in a country town in Indiana. He had sent nearly all of the revised manuscript to his publishers, but certain details of the completion of the plot had been the subject of discussion between himself and a friend connected with the publishing house.

One day a telegram for Nesbitt was received at the village telegraph office, it read:

"What are you going to do with Annie Davis and Pinky Sanger?"

Annie is the heroine of "The Gentleman Ragsman"; Pinky is the villain, if there is one in the book. The local telegraph operator personally delivered the message, and Nesbitt wrote this reply: "Will marry Annie Davis and shoot Pinky Sangers as soon as I return to Chicago."

The operator stared at Nesbitt wondering when he read the message, but Nesbitt did not fathom that stare until the morning when he took the train home, when the village marshal stepped up to him and said meaningly:

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perimental farms, but the resolution carried.

The last resolution of the evening called for as severe a penalty as possible for fraud, either by buyer or seller, in connection with scales. Weighmasters should be appointed by the government.

Next morning it was resolved to request the Dominion government to try and devise some means to guard against coal famine, either by making arbitration compulsory, taking charge of the mines by the public works department in case of labor troubles, or some other satisfactory means.

A resolution was also passed, asking the provincial government to declare a bounty on coyotes.

A letter was read from Hon. W. Finlay, minister of agriculture, in which he states that the government cannot see a way to operate a pork-packing establishment.

The financial report was very satisfactory, showing a surplus of some \$25 or \$30 in the treasury.

Before the election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. Barker pointed out the necessity of following broad lines. The secretary, he held, should be paid at least \$300 and another year should give his whole time to the work of the association, which should have a permanent headquarters.

For the presidency Mr. Warner, Mr. Woolford and Mr. Fletcher were nominated. All these gentlemen were anxious that their names should be withdrawn, but on the second ballot, Mr. Fletcher was elected. A gratifying feature of the election was the absence of all sectional division. Mr. Fletcher, whose home is at Ellerslie, south of Strathcona, was nominated by Mr. Barker of Cardston, and Mr. Woolford of Cardston was nominated by Mr. Ball of Strathcona. Mr. Woolford was unanimously elected to the vice-presidency. It was resolved to elect three directors from the north and three from the south. Those chosen were Rice Shoppard, Strathcona, George Ball, Strathcona, Henry Jameson, Red Deer, George McDonald, Olds, T. W. Harris, Raymond, and E. N. Barker, Cardston.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Warner and his colleagues for their faithful service during the year. Mr. Fletcher, on taking the chair, paid a high tribute to his predecessor.

The question of the appointment of an official organ was referred to the directors, letters from the Farm and Ranch Review, the Nor' West Farmer, and the Saturday News having been read, offering their services as such.

At the directors' meeting which followed, the Saturday News was chosen. The directors pressed upon Mr. Stevens to continue the work of the secretaryship. He consented to do so until another selection could be made. Mr. Warner agreed to act as chairman of the legislative committee, his associates being Messrs Fletcher and Ball.

But a bare report of the proceedings of the convention is given this week. In the next two issues we expect to make more extended reference to its work and to the stri-

king personalities of some of those who participated. If all goes well, we shall also present the portraits of the new officers.

Much heavy work devolved on the committees which were composed as follows:

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PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The Saturday News enters upon its duties as official organ of the Alberta Farmers' Association, realizing to the full the responsibilities which it has undertaken yet proud to be so closely associated with an organization, which already has accomplished so much and for which the years to come hold all that they do. Within a few weeks the paper will be enlarged, so that all the matters that come within its scope will receive the most complete attention. In the meanwhile the interests of the association will in no way be neglected. Further announcements will be made from time to time but it might be mentioned at the start that plans are under way for the introduction of certain features in connection with this department of the paper, which will prove of great value. In order to enable the farmer to do his marketing more profitably, the freight rates in force to Vancouver and Winnipeg from all points in Alberta will be kept standing. Up-to-date information will be obtained regarding the prices paid at Winnipeg and Vancouver. Advances as to the prices being paid by buyers at different Albertan points are being arranged for. Standing information as to the regulations of the Grain act regarding grain shipments will be supplied. It will take a little time to carry these ideas into operation but there will be no unnecessary delay in doing so. The advantages that will accrue to the farmer are apparent.

To show what can be accomplished through the agency of the Alberta Farmers' Association, it might be mentioned that at the convention in Calgary the delegates from Didsbury, Red Deer, Innisfail and Olds reported that 21 cents was all that was being paid at these points for oats. Mr. Sid. Ottewell of East Clover Bar recently shipped his oats through the Grain Growers Grain Co., of Winnipeg. At the time they received the oats 25½ cents would have been received for them, but they advised that Mr. Ottewell hold them. He did so, and on returning from the Calgary convention received a message from them informing him that his oats would clear 26 cents and possibly 27. It will be in opening up such profitable avenues of trade and in keeping all the members informed regarding what is being obtained for their products throughout the province, that the association will have one of the most useful fields of activity.

Previously to the Calgary convention Mr. Warner visited Midnapore and established a very flourishing branch of 47 members. He then went on to Okotoks, where a branch already existed but which the officers are making a successful effort to give renewed activity to during the present season. Mr.

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Warner had had some correspondence regarding a meeting at Cayley on Jan. 8th and had informed those who were arranging it that he would visit that point if that was desired. Previous to his leaving home, no word had come to him regarding the meeting. When he reached Okotoks, he had to consider whether it was advisable to go on to Cayley, on the mere chance that a meeting would be held. If he did so and the train back to Calgary were on time, he would have arrived in that city at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9th and the convention met at 2 p. m. But the trains were running considerably behind time, so the chan-

ces were that by going to Cayley, he would have been several hours, at least, late for the convention. In view of these circumstances he decided to go straight to Calgary. On his return home he found a letter telling him that a debate had been arranged at Cayley between himself and Mr. Strang of the Society of Equity. If he had had this information before setting out, he would certainly have been on hand and to prevent a misunderstanding has asked the Saturday News to explain thus fully what was responsible for his failure to visit the town.

On January 11 in spite of the

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The Mirror

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apiece—which it will be almost impossible to replace.

Mr. Harry Helliwell was burnt out without so much as a match being saved. His rooms, which were locked, he being absent in the East, furnishing some heavy sacrifices to the devouring monster.

A little woman on the top floor with a ten days' old baby, was removed in the ambulance.

Mr. Goldschmidt, of the Hudson's Bay Co., some of the clerks in the Co.'s store, and Miss Elmer are among other victims who were unable to save a pennyworth.

Several of the firemen were badly frost bitten, and the Hotel Cecil as well as the other hostleries of the city kept open house all night.

So runs the talk. And what of poor Mr. Chisholm? Ah, well, he's Scotch and made of brave stuff, and everyone is hoping he'll just show his dogged persistence and rebuild shortly, when he will see Edmontonians are not unmindful of enterprise and public spirit.

Next week promises to be a more than busy one, the reassembling of Parliament and a reception on the evening of the opening day at Government House, being two important items scheduled for the week. Then, of course, Lent isn't very far away now, and events will be rushed in to make up for the fasting time.

Another Bridge Club has been formed—goodness how many they total now? and hostesses have to make their arrangements far in advance to secure their guests.

The new club is rather unique in its way. Its rules provide among other things for no post-mortems, no discussing a member's play, no discussing a member at all, at all, in or out of the club. Could not the rules go one better and prohibit any discussion of any woman. I'd like to join as an associate member. The club would have served a most commendable purpose, but—would it be Bridge?

I had quite forgotten to mention that the first meeting of the "Very Latest Yet" was held at Mrs. Bower Campbell's, two tables playing.

Mrs. Anderson, of High River and her small son, arrived in Edmonton on Wednesday on a visit to Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Anderson's sister. Mrs. Jackson entertains four tables at a Matinee Bridge in her honor on Saturday.

Many loving messages and congratulations are speeding their way to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallbridge of Seventh St. this week, on the arrival of a bonny wee son and heir on Monday morning. Both mother and son are progressing nicely.

Two engagements of more than usual interest have been widely whispered for the past two weeks, that of Dr. McLean to Miss Lottie Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, and Miss Lottie York's to Dr. McDowell; both marriages to take place in April. Miss Ross and Miss York, who are very close friends, are now visiting at the coast.

Many friends who were much concerned over Mrs. Richard Scoble's very unsatisfactory state of health of late, will be delighted

to learn that she is now feeling very much better, and is cosily settled for the present at the King Edward.

Mrs. Auguste Noel's post-nuptial reception which was to have taken place on Wednesday last, had unfortunately to be postponed a week, pending some final arrangements of the pretty appurtenments.

The announcement in All Saints on Sunday evening that the prayers of the congregation were earnestly requested for Mrs. (Dr.) Harrison who was critically ill, came as a great shock to an unusually wide circle of friends, who have missed her from the social gatherings of late, but who had never dreamed of her serious condition. It is with the greatest thankfulness that everyone will learn that she is now in a fair way to gradually regaining her health and strength. I know of no one in Edmonton possessed of a greater number of friends, and Dr. Harrison and his sturdy little son Bobby, have had the tenderest sympathy of a host of sympathizers in their trying time.

I had the privilege of being present at a meeting of the Edmonton Ladies' Musical Club on Saturday afternoon last, and of hearing a charming programme of both vocal and instrumental numbers very capably rendered.

The club met at the commodious residence of Mr. John MacDougall, and after the serving of tea Mrs. Nicholls read an able paper on that greatest of all composers, the incomparable Beethoven. The material was very well prepared indeed, and set forth in telling fashion the principal events in the composer's life.

At the conclusion of the paper Miss Wright, such a bright talented girl, played Beethoven's "Berceuse," with marked feeling and expression. Following Mrs. Gray, who is possessed of a very sweet voice, particularly effective in its medium register, sang with fine dramatic effect and much evidence of careful training, one of his most beautiful songs.

The Sonata Pathétique, which was the next number on the programme, was given a very careful and thoughtful interpretation by Mr. Percy Hook. While Mr. Hook's rendition differed, as does nearly every pianist's from the particular interpretations I have heard given by many great artists, I found it both interesting and instructive. His playing is marked by careful phrasing, great clarity of expression and, at times, a brilliant technique.

A chorus under the skillful conducting of Mrs. Bennett brought the afternoon to a close. I think the closing number, sung with marked evidences of taste and a beautiful conception of the meaning of the words, impressed me more than anything else with the exceptional talent of the organization. More than one visitor openly expressed her delight with the afternoon's work, and I feel assured that when the Alberta musical competitions come off, the Edmonton Ladies' Musical Club will have the best kind of a chance to win the coveted trophy.

The marriage of Miss Pearl Evelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brewster, Banff, to Lieut. Phillip Augustus Moore, took place in St. George's Church, Banff, at half

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past three, Tuesday, January 15.

The engagement is announced in Quebec of Miss Elsie R. Staveley, daughter of Mr Harry Staveley, to Mr J. J. Mason, of Calgary, son of Mr G. E. Mason, of Victoria, B.C.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Mercer left for Los Angeles on Thursday, to be gone for a considerable holiday.

The Beaver House Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire wish to announce to the residents of Edmonton and district that they are now ready to accept fares for the maids they are bringing out from the Old Country. As many maids will be brought as fares are advanced here. As the public already know these domestics agree to remain with their first employer at least six months at the rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month, during which time their passage money is deducted from

their wages. The fare from Great Britain to Edmonton is \$56.35, and the Chapter wish these fares sent in as soon as possible as it is hardly likely that they can receive any after February 10th. All fares are to be given (or sent) to Mrs B. J. Saunders, 524, Sixth street, west.

Miss Dorothy Sommerville and Miss Florence Cameron are giving a theatre party of eleven on Saturday, to be followed by high tea at the residence of Mrs. John Sommerville.

Mrs. Short entertained at the tea hour on Thursday.

One of the bright teas of the week claimed Mrs. Hubbell as hostess on Saturday afternoon, when she received her guests in a smart gown of champagne voile over tulle, with trimmings of chiffon and lovely lace and some saucy little green bows on the bodice.

Mrs. Hubbell's bright, attractive manner is one of her chief charms, and on Saturday combined with her pretty cheery home the effect irresistible. Guests lingered later than their invitations warranted which is the proof of a really successful five o'clocker.

In the reception room I noticed some lovely white roses which were appealingly suggestive of warmer days and summer skies—perhaps they were all the more admired for that reason. In the tea-room a centre-piece of white embroidery held a tall cut-glass vase of white carnation fern, and white roses, with a little wreath of sunlax at base, and ropes of the lovely little leaves stretching diagonally across the table.

Here Mrs. Braithwaite and Mrs. Alan Fraser presided, while four attentive assistants, Miss Abby Sommerville, Miss Alice Pruney, Miss Grace Johnston and Miss Edith Webster passed the tempting dainties. Assisting Mrs. Hubbell in the reception room were Mrs. Robert Mays, in delicate pink waist and toque, and Mrs. John I. Mills who looked particularly well in a pretty gown of Alice blue, with handsome black hat.

Before speaking of the numerous guests who thronged this popular tea I must mention a bowl of pink and white sweet peas I saw being passed around for admiration—at this season of the year they are so unusual a sight in Edmonton as to arouse the greatest enthusiasm. One and all we snelt of their sweetness and drank in their pure, fresh loveliness, and were there no commandments adorning one not to covet or purloin we should each of us worn a sweet pea home to a late dinner.

Among others who came and went during the afternoon I noticed, Mrs. A. R. Hamilton, most becomingly frocked and with a handsome

green cheapeau, to all intents and purposes making scores of friends. Dainty, little Mrs. Percy Hardisty, prettily gowned in champagne voile with large lace hat trimmed with tiny pink rose buds. Madame Thibauden in dainty blouse of white China silk with jaunty toque. Mrs. Cross, who came in rather late, in a smart lace bodice, with a most becoming tricolor of white felt, with black wings. Mrs. MacMahon in a becoming street gown and large black hat. Mrs. Ewing in black with pretty toque of mink and handsome lace, with mauve wings. Pretty Mrs. Gray, in a handsome black silk gown and picture hat in the same shade. Mesdames Almon, Saunders, Bower Campbell, Day, Graydon, Barnes, Pardee, N. D. Beck, McQueen, Turnbull, St. George Jellett, Norquay, P. T. Fisher, Miss May MacCaulay, Mrs. Ferris in a fashionable green silk frock and large black hat, her guest, Miss Weatherald, Mrs. Duncan Smith and Mrs. John Sommerville.

The engagement is announced of Miss May MacCaulay to Mr. Andrew Norquay, of Winnipeg. At a recent tea I saw this graceful, sweet-mannered girl being warmly congratulated by a host of girl friends.

Those eastern papers which are so sedulously picturing us at the present time as suffering very severely as a result of the extreme cold weather should have peeped in at Mrs. Alan Fraser's tea on Friday and seen the throngs of rosy-cheeked women who moved about evidently entirely oblivious of weather conditions outside and having the jolliest kind of a time within doors.

It was quite a crush tea, and the youthful hostess, who received her guests in a girlish gown of white point d'esprit with little pink velvet bows on the semi low neck bodice, had all she could do to bid each one a pretty word of welcome. Assisting her were her mother, Mrs. McLean, of Strathcona, dressed in a becoming shirt waist of white taffeta and a hat of black velvet, and her guest, Miss Alice Pruney, the merriest of girls, who has enjoyed a "perfectly lovely" visit in Edmonton, and who looked very bonny in the daintiest figured silk net robe over white satin.

The tea room was a pretty sight with its scores of well-dressed women, its softly shaded lights and the central object of interest—the tea table—beautifully arranged with a centre-piece of real lace over pale pink silk, some lovely pink carnations and many exquisite lace doilies on the polished Flemish oak foundation.

Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Hubbell and Mrs. Charlesworth were in charge of the tea room, while Miss Viva Sommerville, in a strikingly pretty frock of red and white polka dot silk, with a jaunty little toque. Miss McLean in white point despit blouse and dark skirt, Miss Grace Johnston never prettier gowned in white with big black and white hat, and Miss Abby Sommerville in a dainty pink gown, were four attractive assistants.

Among the guests were noticed Mrs. Dobell in a becoming red gown with large black picture hat. Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson, strikingly pretty in black voile with toque of mink and white illusion, with touches of pale blue; Mrs. Bob Robertson, the bride, a perfect picture in white silk with a shirred

white taffeta hat, with long pale blue plumes; Mrs. Cooper in a street suit of green with toque to correspond; Mrs. Thibauden in dainty white silk blouse and smart small toque; Miss Woods strikingly graceful in a kilted gown of plaid silk and stunning black picture hat; Mrs. Smith in a light silk blouse and black cheapeau; Mrs. McPherson in white silk eyelet embroidery waist and mink hat, always an appealingly pretty woman, much admired. Mrs. Mays, Mrs. Bardee, Mrs. Cross in a handsome seal-skin jacket and jaunty New York hat of brown felt, trimmed with scarlet velvet and a bunch of cherries. In addition were scores of strangers whose faces were totally unfamiliar, evidencing the fact that the city is developing at a tremendous rate, so quickly that it is a mad race to half keep up with one's visiting list, so many are the interesting new people who are flocking here.

In the daily papers this week I noticed the report of the Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Ferris, of the Women's Hospital Aid, which showed a splendid record for the year's work. What this devoted band of women are doing for the Hospital needs to be seen to be properly appreciated. As a city we owe the organization a deep debt of gratitude.

The Lethbridge lodge of Elks is planning one of the biggest masquerade balls ever brought off in Canada, to be held in Oliver's Hall on January 23, and for which 1,000 invitations will be issued. The Premiers of all the provinces are on the invitation list and big contingents are expected from western points. The night preceding the ball will be devoted to amateur theatricals.

I have heard a rumor that the local lodge are planning to take over some fine quarters, but believe the deal is not yet settled.

When Pincher Creek attempts anything they do that something well, and the account of the Bachelor's Ball given in Hinton's Hall on New Year's Eve, reads like an item from the society columns of the Toronto Saturday Night.

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cold weather a large number of the farmers turned out to a meeting called in order in Hembling's hall, Didsbury, to hear the views of the different speakers and to learn the policy of the A.F.A. After listening to the president of the central association, Mr. Joshua Fletcher, who explained the working of the organization and what the society had and intended to do for the farmers and hearing short but encouraging address from Mr. Henry Lamson, of the Red Deer local, those present unanimously decided to organize a local. The following officers were appointed: President, Manassa Weber; vice president, J. C. Stevens; secretary treasurer, A. F. Ealey; directors, B. B. Shantz, W. Muler, C. F. Reiney, and D. Mecke.

T. G. Pearce writes: "At a meeting of the electors held at the school house in East Clover Bar on January 12, Mr. H. Lackey was elected councillor without opposi-

tion. Complaints were made that Governments grants on roads were not authorised to be used until so late in the summer that harvest commenced before the work was finished, when it was quite impossible to get men or teams. This is nothing new as it has happened every season for years. The following resolution was passed unanimously: 'We hereby express our dissatisfaction regarding the delay which is always experienced in obtaining permission from the Government to expend appropriations on roads, and we emphatically assert that all appropriations must be authorized to be expended in future by the 15th May, so that work may be commenced by June 1st, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier.'

In the list of seed fairs published in this department some time ago, that to be held at Red Deer on Jan. 24th was omitted.

The steps being taken in Manitoba to break the alleged combine that exists to the disadvantage of the farmer, in connection with the grain exchange at Winnipeg, are warmly approved of by Alberta farmers and a resolution to that effect was carried at Calgary.

It seems clear that the stories of enormous destruction of cattle by the storms in southern Alberta are fabrications. P. Burns says that the cattle will be in as fine condition as ever in a few weeks.

The Alberta Poultry and Pet Stock Association's annual exhibition will be held in the Stovel hardware building opposite the Edmonton market on Feb. 13, 14 and 15.

Lethbridge farmers are trying to make arrangements to secure a lecture in that city by Mr. Campbell, the distinguished authority on dry farming.

The A. F. A. branch at Cardston is ever active. The members will give a concert, dance and supper next Tuesday to raise revenue for the year's work and to interest non-members.

A conference of government creamery delegates is taking place at Lacombe this week.

Everyone present at the first week of the stock-judging school at Medicine Hat is more than satisfied with the results. Mr. Harcourt, the deputy minister of agriculture, in a letter to the press expresses himself as highly delighted. The weather was very cold and the ranchers were particularly busy looking after their stock, but 58 members enrolled. The lecturers in attendance at the various sessions are: H. A. Craig, Supt. of Farms and Institutes; W. A. Munro, of Lacombe; G. H. Hutton, Supt. of Experimental Farm, Lacombe; Bryce Wright, of DeWinton; M. D. Geddes, of Calgary; and C. W. McKee, of Ottawa. The stock used for instruction purposes had been picked from the best in the province and comprised two carloads, which are taken to the various points where the school is to be held. After a week at Magrath the school will go to Lacombe for two weeks and to Edmonton for two weeks. Mr. Harcourt's fear is that the demands for these schools will be so great that it will be impossible for the department to comply with the requests.

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The hall was most lavishly decorated, Jackson's Orchestra furnishing stirring music, and supper was served in a charming salle a manger arranged amidst evergreens on the stage. Mr. W. H. Upton and Hector Perrier are mentioned as prime movers in the magnificent success of the evening.

New Westminster was gayly en fete last Friday, in honor of the visit of Lieut-Governor Dunsinuir, a citizen's ball being given in the Armories on that evening. The set of honor was composed of His Worship Mayor Keary and Mrs. Dunsinuir, Lieut-Col. Whyte and Mrs. Keary, Major Boulbee and Mrs. McCalt, Mr. L. A. Lewis and Mrs. Hendry, Mr. T. J. Trapp and Mrs. Lewis, Dr. Doherty and Mrs. Trapp, Sheriff Armstrong and Mrs. Whyte, Mr. A. Malins and Mrs. Yeungling, after which dancing became general.

Sheriff Armstrong is a cousin of Mrs. A. Williamson Taylor's.

The first regular meeting of the Strathcona Ladies' Hospital Aid since the return of the president Mrs. J. G. Tipton, from a southern visit, was held on Jan 7th in the Baptist Church, when 21 members were present. The society is in a flourishing condition boasting of a paid-up membership of 125, with \$133.12 to their credit. Among other items a vote of thanks was despatched to Mrs. A. C. Rutherford for a donation of ten dollars.

A wedding of wide interest to the citizens of Vegreville was celebrated on Jan. 2nd in the fine new Presbyterian Church, when Miss Violet Pearl Clements was married to Charles Gordon, the well-known contractor and builder. Rev. W. F. Gold performed the interesting

ceremony. Miss Ruby Clements, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, Mr. F. A. Morrison assisted the groom, and Messrs Kinnaird and McInnis acted as ushers.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was a pretty picture in her wedding gown of white peau de soie, trimmed with silk insertion, with a white bridal veil, and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaid wore Japanese silk, with a white chiffon hat, the groom's gift, a gold chain, and carried pink and white carnations, intermingled with smilax. Among many handsome presents received was the groom's gift to the bride, a Mason and Risch piano, and a Bible from the congregation of the church.

A merry little theatre party chaperoned by Mrs Harold Brunton, enjoyed Friday evening's programme in the Marks' Stock Co. later being entertained at supper by Mr Hawes and Mr. Hector Landry at Cronn's, when a little bird has whispered the decorations and menu left nothing to be desired.

Another event of interest was the banquet tendered Mr. J. K. Cornwall by some of his friends from the north, on Monday evening at Cronn's, when ten gentlemen enjoyed such a repast as has made the reputation of the smart little cafe known throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Following the banquet the guests adjourned to the theatre, where they enjoyed the clever performance of the Juvenile Bostonians.

The marriage took place in Peterborough last week of Miss Bertha May Layton Bailey, daughter of the late Thomas J. Bailey, Government engineer at Charlottetown P.E.I., who was a popular visitor to Edmonton last autumn, to Mr.

William Alexander Hazlett, of this city. The ceremony was performed in All Saints' Church. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was attired in a beautiful delicate dress of white Brussel's lace, with white satin trimmings, and wore the conventional bridal veil and orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white bridal roses and white carnations. The bridesmaid Miss Helen Georgina, sister of the bride, was in pale green silk voile trimmed with Irish lace and a white tulle hat. Mr. Frank Austin, of Peterborough, supported the groom. The groom's presents to the bride were a gold watch and chain and a diamond pin, and to the bridesmaid a gold brooch.

Peggy

Music and the Drama

The Juvenile Bostonians have been playing to large houses at the Edmonton Opera House all week. They have been greatly strengthened since they were here a year ago, a decided improvement being noticed in the work of several of those who ingratiated themselves with the Edmonton public on their last visit. "Babe" Mason is still first favorite with the public, though for both singing and acting she must yield the palm to Jessie McPherson, who is a remarkably clever young girl and who should have a very bright future. Her playing of Pat Heney in "The Rajah of Pasala" on Wednesday night and the title role in "The Gypsy Queen" are worthy of special mention. Halcyon Martin has not grown much in stature since a year ago but she sings and

dances much better. For such a tot, her performance is bright and she was recalled over and over again. As the tough boy, she will not soon be forgotten by anyone who saw her. "Boo Loo" is Friday night's bill and "Dorothy" will be repeated on Saturday. A matinee will also be given on Saturday.

It will be good news to the lovers of light opera to learn that the amateurs of the city will put on Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" in April. Rehearsals will commence almost immediately. The following officers have been elected:

Hon. Patrons—His Honor Lt. Gov. G. H. V. Bulyea, Hon. Frank Oliver, M.P.
President—T. M. Turnbull.
Vice President—Chas. Bowman.
Director—V. W. Barford.
Secretary—R. Kenneth.
Treasurer—M. D. Silas.
Committee—S. Morris, R. W. Day, E. Cope, T. Griffith.

The Winnipeg Tribune in a recent issue pays a high tribute to Mr. Jackson Hamby as a musician, recalling the fact that for fifteen years he was the principal tenor of that city and won laurels in many ambitious oratorios there. While in Winnipeg he sang in Knox and Augustine Churches. Work on "The Creation" is progressing very satisfactorily.

Corbett L. Durie, barrister, has changed his office from the Northern Bank building to the Crisall Black.

The Caledonian Club will celebrate Burns Night on Friday, Jan. 25, by an elaborate banquet at the Prince Arthur Cafe.

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